

ANGLICAN BISHOPS SUPPORT HOMOSEXUAL ORGANIZATION

March 26, 1996 (David Cloud, Fundamental Baptist Information Service, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866-295-4143, wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org) - On February 9, 1996, a public message signed by 300 Anglican leaders was issued in support of the homosexual organization called the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement. Thirteen Anglican bishops added their names to this document, including Desmond Tutu, head of the Anglican Church in South Africa, Edmond Browning, head of the Episcopal Church in the United States, Archbishop Michael Peers, head of the Canadian Anglican Church, and Richard Holloway, head of the Scottish Episcopal Church. The statement, released on the 20th anniversary of the homosexual group, said, "On its 20th anniversary celebration, we recognise the valuable contribution made to the continuing debate on sexuality and Christianity by the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, and we call upon the Churches to engage fully with this important question."

In a follow-up interview on February 12, Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa called for the ordination of homosexuals. In an interview on British Broadcasting Corporation's Sunday Programme, Tutu said, "The Church has not got there yet, but if we were to say that in relationships it is desirable that there is fidelity between a couple, why should we not extend the same conditions to same sex relationships."

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of" (2 Peter 2:1,2).